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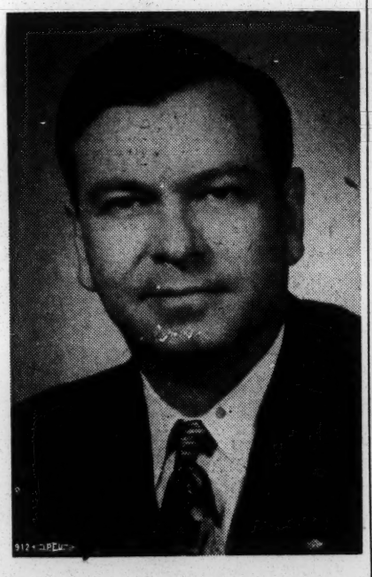
Herman Talmadge Says:

Tuesday, January 18, Representative A. A. Fowler, Jr., of Douglas County, Georgia, introduced into the General Assembly the following Resolution:



A Resolution

Memorializing Congress to call a convention for the purpose of considering an amendment to the Constitution of the United States relative to the administration by the several states of their respective school systems.

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WHEREAS, this unconscionable usurpation of power, if not restricted, will ultimately result in the destruction of every vestige of state supported and regulated public education.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives, the Senate concurring, that the General Assembly of Georgia respectfully petition the Congress of the United States to call a convention for the purpose of proposing the following Article as an amendment to the Constitution of the United States:

"ARTICLE—

MEDICAL SCHOLARSHIPS BRINGING MORE DOCTORS TO RURAL AREAS

All Georgians can take pride in the program being carried out by the State Medical Education Board.

Through the efforts of this agency not only are worthy Georgia youths being aided to obtain educations but also small Georgia communities are receiving assurance of the much-needed services of physicians.

The Medical Education Board was created by a Constitutional Amendment adopted by the General Assembly in 1951 and ratified by the voters in 1952. It began its operations on April 1, 1953, and its first report, just recently issued, shows its members have been diligent in the discharge of their duties.

Under the terms of the Amendment creating it, the Board is authorized to grant scholarships to worthy Georgia youths to attend medical college. These scholarships may total as much as $5,000 to any one person paid in annual installments of up to $1,500 per year.

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Talmadge's Record In Georgia

From—(Charleston's S. C.) NEWS AND COURIER

South Carolina and Georgia both will inaugurate new governors next month. By coincidence, the outgoing governors are two of the South's outstanding leaders of this generation. Neither was eligible for reelection.

In South Carolina, James F. Byrnes at 75 is completing a long and brilliant career of public service. This is his last office, and it is fitting that it should have been served in his native state rather than in Washington.

In Georgia, the retiring governor is Herman E. Talmadge. In contrast to Mr. Byrnes, Mr. Talmadge at 41 years of age has a long political career still ahead of him. For that reason our subject today is chiefly Mr. Talmadge.

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Actually Mr. Talmadge is a highly educated man. He has a Southern accent, but not the exaggerated cracker or hillbilly speech. More important, he is a man of vision, force and intense patriotism, as was his father before him. Mr. Talmadge also is a public servant of marked ability. His two terms as governor of Georgia have been full of accomplishment. He has the respect and backing of his people—the ones who know him best. Even The Macon Telegraph, which has opposed Talmadge in all his campaigns, said he would "go down in history as the governor of Georgia during one of the periods of greatest progress in the state . . . a man . . . for whom all hold a

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"Section 2. The Supreme Court, the several District Courts and Courts of Appeal, and any and all other federal judicial tribunals, quasi-judicial tribunals, and all administrative or executive agencies, shall have no jurisdiction to decide or consider, either originally, on appeal, or by other means of review, any matter drawing in question the administration by the several states of their respective educational systems."

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Congress of the United States be, and it hereby is, requested to provide as the mode of ratification that said amendment shall be valid to all intents and purposes, as part of the Constitution of the United States, when ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several states.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a duly attested copy of this resolution be immediately transmitted to the Secretary of the Senate of the United States, the Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States and to each member of the Congress from the State of Georgia.

The Constitution of the United States may be amended in two ways—one, by resolution of the Congress; 2, when two-thirds of the Legislatures of the 48 states petition the Congress for a Constitutional amendment it then becomes the duty of the Congress to call a Constitutional Convention.

The provisions for amendment of the Constitution of the United States are recited in the United States Constitution as codified in the Code of Georgia Article V, 1-501. It reads as follows:

"1-501 (6679) Proposals by Congress or State Legislatures; ratification. The Congress, whenever two-thirds of both Houses shall deem it necessary, shall propose Amendments to this Constitution, or, on the Application of the Legislatures of two-thirds of the several States, shall call a Convention for proposing Amendments, which, in either Case, shall be valid to all Intents and Purposes, as Part of this Constitution, when ratified by the Legislatures of three-fourths of the several States, or by Conventions in three-fourths thereof, as the one or the other Mode of Ratification may be proposed by the Congress; Provided that no Amendment which may be made prior to the Year One thousand eight hundred and eight shall in any Manner affect the first and fourth Clauses in the Ninth Section of the first Article; and that no State, without its Consent, shall be deprived of its equal Suffrage in the Senate."

If all of the Legislatures in the country will follow the lead of Representative Fowler it may be possible to amend the Constitution and prevent federal encroachment in the operation of the school systems of the forty-eight states. This matter is just as vital to New York, Illinois, Oregon and all of the other states as it is to Georgia.

If the respective states lose control of their school systems this one thing will do more to invite eventual destruction as anything that has happened in the history of our country.

I wish to congratulate Representative Fowler for his initiative in this matter and I feel confident that the General Assembly of Georgia will overwhelmingly adopt the resolution to amend our Federal Constitution so that all of the states may continue to operate their various schools without outside interference and control.

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A recent issue of Esquire magazine published an article by Paul Gallico with the usual anti-Southern angle aimed at popular national appeal.

"Mine is an old dislike of Herman," writes Mr. Gallico with frank and open prejudice, "but it has been happily revived recently by his public statements with regard to what the State of Georgia will do following the non-segregation ruling by the Supreme Court."

In reply, The Augusta Herald said:

"Business men in high places, ministers of the gospel, small cotton farmers, those who toil in the mills and factories, editors of most of the newspapers, as well as the 'man in the street' like and respect Talmadge, and we are pleased as punch that we have had him in office for two terms. We do not have in our vocabulary the vast storehouse of filthy words and phrases that were spouted by this Gallico, and if we did we would not use them in a newspaper so respectable as The Herald. We doubt if Herman Talmadge cares what this man Gallico wrote, but somehow it did irritate us and we had to let off a bit of steam about it."

We do not think the ending of his term as governor of Georgia, brings an end to the public service of Herman Talmadge. The South needs strong men, outspoken men, men who are unafraid of jibes from slick talkers and writers. We like men who talk with a Southern accent.

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When the program reaches its maximum of 100 scholarships it will cost the State $150,000 per year.

GEORGIA could make no more profitable investment in the future. Through this program she is training the most capable of her youth and at the same time serving the medical needs of her people.

The General Assembly is to be commended for its foresight in establishing this far-sighted program and the Medical Education Board is to be congratulated for its diligence and conscientiousness in carrying it out.

6,624 Miles Of Roads Improved In 2 Years

The State Highway Department has improved 6,624 miles of roads during the past two years.

That is the report the highway board gave the General Assembly last week. The report covers the accomplishments of the department for the biennium ending June 30, 1954.

A total of 83 million dollars was spent in paving, resurfacing or improving highways and building bridges during this time. The report showed total construction of 321 bridges, four underpass structures, and 43 grade crossing signals.

Board members James Gillis, Dixon Oxford and John Quillian signed the report.

OKAYED REPORT

The department awarded contracts for improvement of 3,771 miles of roadway and construction of 228 bridges at a total cost of 58 million dollars, the report said.

These contracts covered 987 miles of grading, 371 miles of grading and base, 468 miles of base, 1,772 miles of bituminous surfacing, 156 miles of resurfacing, 17 miles of concrete paving, four underpass structures and 43 grade crossing signals. The total length of bridges was 6.4 miles.

OTHER WORK

In addition to the work let to contract, the state maintenance forces completed 2,849 miles of bituminous surfacing. The cost was $9,200,000.

The State Bridge Building Authority awarded contracts for construction of 93 bridges, 6.6 miles in length, and 44 miles of roadway approaches to bridges. The total cost was $15,800,000.

The U. S. uses 42% of all the electricity produced in the world, and its power industry has 50 million individual customers.

New Federal Budget Will Cost Georgia Taxpayers Near Billion

The Georgia State Chamber of Commerce today estimated that the $62.4 billion budget proposed by President Eisenhower for the Federal fiscal year 1956 will cost the people of Georgia $811 million in taxes of one kind or another that will have to be borne by them if this budget is approved by Congress.

Georgia's $811 million share is over three and one half times the amount of all taxes collected by Georgia last year to finance the entire State Government, according to the Georgia State Chamber.

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To A Friend Retiring From Office

From—(Atlanta) METROPOLITAN HERALD

(An Open Letter to Former Gov. Talmadge)

DEAR HERMAN:

I deliberately waited to write this letter to you until you retired from office, although you already know that through our editorial columns we have had nothing but high praise for you as governor and for your outstanding administration.

As I review the outstanding success you have made as Governor of our great state, I am reminded of those years when you were preparing yourself for this distinguished public service, whether you realized it then or not. Your experience in the Pacific theater of war was invaluable. Remember when you were sent to Leyte to straighten out the mess there? Remember how you found the Army Quartermaster Corps in charge of the docks? Remember how you found the docks piled high with supplies, and how you found that the Quartermaster Corps had no idea what was in the piles? Remember how you found that the Quartermaster Corps had no idea what was in the piles? Remember how you found that the Quartermaster Corps had no idea what was in the piles? Remember

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The first time we ever met, I am sure you remember, was in the fitting out office of the USS Tyron at the Moore Dry Dock Yard in Oakland, Calif., where we both had reported for active duty with the U. S. Navy in mid-1942.

I remember being with you on the night of the primary when Ellis Arnall defeated your late father in the governor's race. I remember the disappointment in your eyes as you talked by long distance to your father that night. After that telephone call, you pointed out errors in the campaign that should never have been made.

Later, we roomed together when the old Tyron set sail for the South Pacific. It was then that I really got to know you.

The air-conditioned wardroom was a mecca for all officers at night because our staterooms were impossible hot boxes when the ship was darkened and buttoned up for the night.

There were bridge, poker, aceyducey, and cribbage games in full blast every night. All of us participated in one or more of these games—that is all of us except you. You would visit one of the games for a short time and then go to that hot box room and read. I knew the kind of books you were reading—books on government, finance, farming, history and political science. That went on for over a year, until you were transferred to naval headquarters at Auckland, New Zealand.

You hadn't been at that station very long before Commodore Jupp needed someone to deal with New Zealand officials and the New Zealand public. You were given the post as flag secretary and aide to the Commodore. Those of us who visited headquarters from time to time heard glowing reports of how ably you were handling the multitude of problems dealing with the New Zealand public. The old commodore had nothing but the highest praise of your ability.

Months later when the big base was being closed out, personnel and transportation problems became snafu. When the Commodore realized what was happening, he quickly transferred you to that headache. Again your administrative ability was used to its fullest in handling this most difficult assignment and the snafu was ironed out in short order. (I'll never forgive you, though, for that shipload of army, navy and marine personnel, army and navy nurses, wives and babies of servicemen and New Zealand civilians you pushed off on me for one of our return trips into the islands.)

When you returned to the States for new assignment, you were ordered to a ship under construction. For some reason, no executive office had been assigned and you took charge and organized things for your ship on your own initiative. When the Commanding Officer reported aboard, he checked your work and informed the Bureau of Personnel that they need not send him an executive officer, that he had one fully qualified in you, and that you had already done all his work. So you sailed on your new ship as the Executive Officer.

I watched you on your return to civilian life. I saw you successfully manage your father's campaign for governor, just prior to his death.

I saw you elected Governor of Georgia and re-elected again to become the first governor ever to serve six consecutive years. I have proudly observed you as your administration became the most progressive, the most outstanding in modern Georgia history. I know too, how your political enemies watched you like a hawk, how certain newspapers tried to find anything that might discredit your administration and how they failed miserably, because there was nothing for them to find.

How does it feel to know that your administration has spent more for public education than all other previous administrations combined?

How does it feel to know that your administration has built more school buildings, hospitals, roads, bridges, health centers than all other previous administrations combined?

How does it feel to know your administration has provided Georgia with the nation's most outstanding forestry program, state docks second to none, state parks on a par with any in the Southeast?

Well, that is a partial record of your great administration. As a friend, I am indeed proud of your accomplishments. As a Georgian, it is pleasing to know that the new administration is pledged to carry on your outstanding program of development and progress.

I am sure all your old shipmates, who know the record, are just as proud as I am to have know you when . . . . to have been associated with you when you were serving our country in a military uniform.

You have earned the rest that you are now about to take. But I warn you, Georgians are not going to let you remain in retirement long. We'll be calling on you again and soon.

Sincerely,
MAC PERRY

a new facility at Battey State Hospital. The care for victims of tuberculosis available at Battey is just one example of progress made under Governor Talmadge's administration.

Battey is far from the only example of progress. There have been unprecedented advances in other state institutions, in the building of highways and roads, in expansion of state services, and in expansion of schools and educational facilities.

The present efficiency, ability, and integrity of the state administration stands as an evidence of Governor Talmadge's ability and leadership.

Mr. Talmadge has given no suggestion of his future plans. He has hinted that if he is called upon, however, he would again be available for public office.

We know we speak the sentiment of folks in this area when we say that we certainly do hope that the occasion does arise when Mr. Talmadge can again serve the people of Georgia.

University Praises Gift Plan

ATHENS, Ga.—Officials of the University of Georgia Alumni Society this week praised the plan of the General Electric Company to match any employee's gift to his alma mater during 1955.

The praise came in a memorandum to University faculty members from Bill Crane, Alumni Secretary, following receipt of a $250 check from a University alumnus and GE employees with a note saying that the company's matching check, bringing the gift to $500, was on the way.

Under the GE plan the company will match any employee's gift up to $1000 to the college or university of which he is a graduate.

Alumni Secretary Crane expressed the hope that other corporations would follow GE's suit and adopt similar plans.

"General Electric boldly admits it receives benefits, for which the company may not have been compensating, from employees who are college trained," Crane said. "The company recognizes that tuition covers only about half the costs of a college education, and wants to help keep the colleges doing a good job, without Government control."

Life Span Increases

The span of life in our country still is increasing. Latest figures of the U. S. Public Health Service show that the average length of life hereabouts has reached a record high of 68.5 years—a gain of nearly four years in the last 10. Average lifetime expected for women at birth today is 71.8 years; for men, 65.9 years.

came from returns on crop products, which declined from $311,824,000 in the ten-month period of 1953 to $284,879,000 this year. A relatively slight drop was also registered in receipts from livestock and its products, or from $220,925,000 to $213,602,000.

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Talmadge Has Done A Service To Georgia

From—MOULTRIE OBSERVER

Herman Talmadge will be vacating the governor's chair within a matter of weeks. The young chief executive, who ascended to political power in a turbulent atmosphere amid an uncertain era, will leave behind him an outstanding record of public service which must be recognized by friend and foe. His has been an administration dedicated to the furtherance of Constitutional government and constructive progress — an administration of which all Georgia can be proud.

Several nights ago Talmadge was the guest of honor at a testimonial dinner in Atlanta. More than 2,000 of his friends attended the affair. Scores of special tributes were paid to his administration and his personal characteristics. These were the people who actively supported him in his bid for the governorship originally, who worked in his political campaigns and under him in various governmental agencies. But throughout Georgia Herman Talmadge could have received as glowing testimonials from groups and individuals who did not support his candidacy for governor. They, too, believe in giving credit where credit is merited. Even "them lying newspapers" to which humorous reference was made in the testimonial dinner, were among the first to publicly admit Talmadge's excellent record as chief executive.

Georgians are for Georgia. They have fought, bled and died for Georgia. They have worked for the betterment of the state and her people. They recognize that Herman Talmadge, likewise, has not only given his time and talents to the upbuilding of his state but has taken the wise course of achieving the wonderful progress which has marked the past four years.

Contrary to the belief of many, Talmadge hewed to a straight course. He did not waver from his pre-determined plan of action and met issues head-on with clearly defined courage. He has merited the praises which have been heaped upon him and may vacate the executive's seat knowing that he has performed a fine service for his state and the people who call it "home."

Georgia Leads In Lumber Output

From—WAYCROSS JOURNAL-HERALD

Chalk up another first for Georgia.

The State's 1953 lumber production led the entire South, according to a report released several days ago by the U. S. Department of Commerce.

Georgia's production totalled 2,240,000,000 board feet, an increase of 159,000,000 board feet over the previous year.

The greatest percentage of the state's lumber production was in softwoods, 1,917,000,000 board feet, a gain over 1952 of 176,000,000 board feet.

Meanwhile the State Forestry Commission has announced that its four nurseries are shipping out a record number of 122,000,000 seedlings to every county in Georgia.

Guyton DeLoach, director of the Forestry Commission, cites the state's increasing lumber production as pointing up the opportunities which lie ahead for Georgia citizens.

Income from forest products industries in the state today amounts to $600,000,000 annually. Since 1948 Georgia has led the South in the production of pulpwood and has expanded its naval stores industry to produce 72 per cent of the United States supply and 30 per cent of the world's supply.

Recently Gov. Talmadge pointed out that Georgia's forestry program now ranks first in the nation. He said present appropriations for the program from state, federal and county sources total about $3,000,000 annually.

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The growth of the industry is a dramatic illustration of the giant strides our state is making in agriculture and industry.

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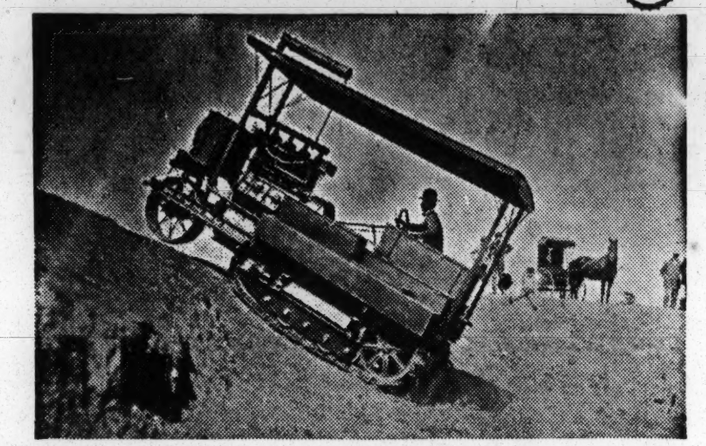

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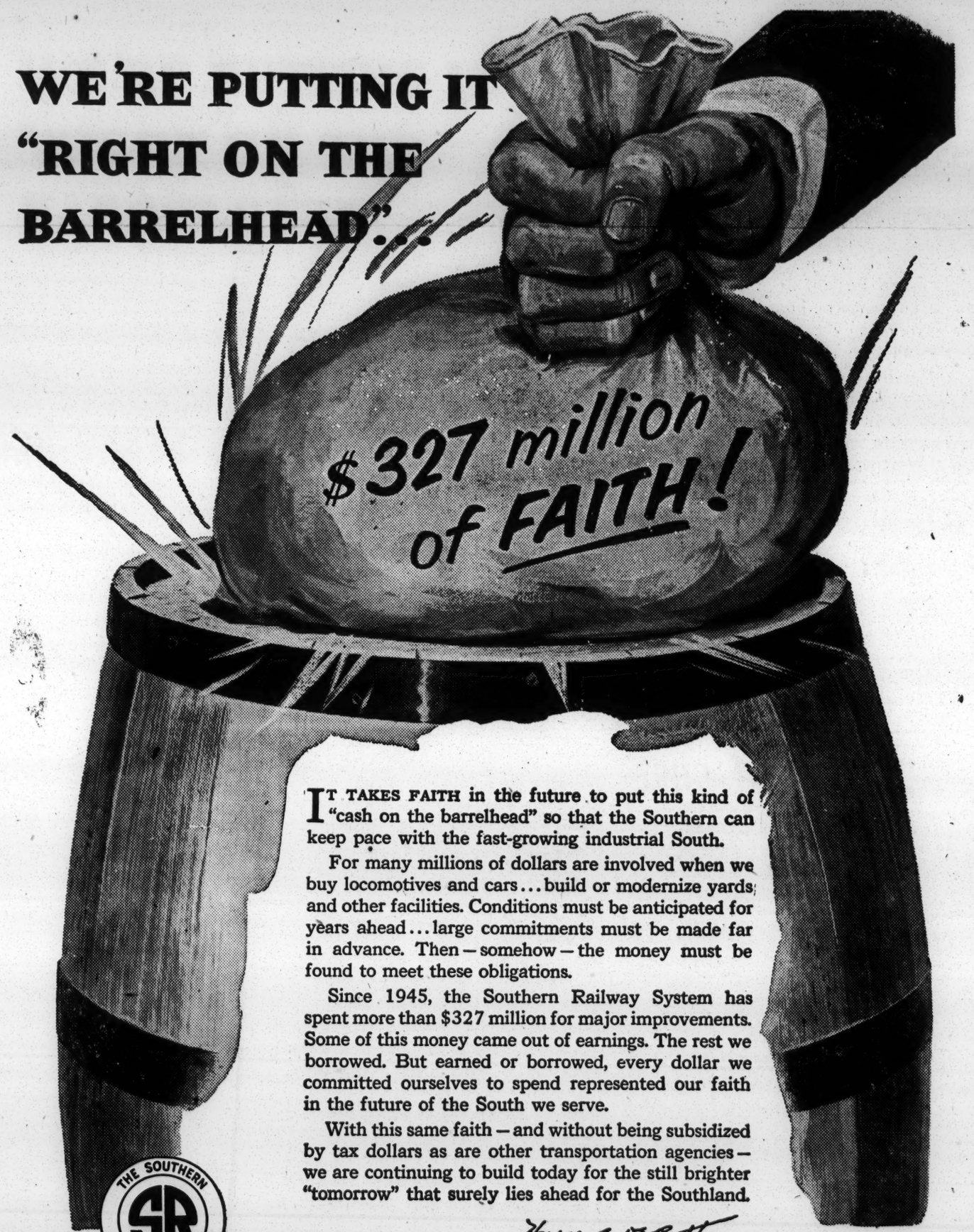

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Rep. Forrester Hits Proposed Import Of Foreign Peanuts

Candy-makers and other users of peanuts have petitioned the U. S. Tariff Commission to permit the importation of 200,000 tons of foreign edible peanuts this year.

This is a proposal which is a threat to our farm economy here in Georgia and the South. Fortunately for our farmers they have an able spokesman for their case in Georgia Congressman E. L. (Tic) Forrester of Leesburg.

Congressman Forrester gave the Tariff Commission a graphic word picture of the consequences of such an unwise move in an appearance before that body recently.

He pointed out that for the first time in many years this nation has no surplus peanuts, due principally to the 1954 drought which cut the nation's peanut harvest more than 50 per cent. Consequently, he emphasized, for the first time in many years the nation now has the opportunity to conduct a sound peanut program for the benefit of the peanut growers without cost to the government.

He declared:

"If this petition is granted it will mean: (1) the surplus will still be with us; (2) that for the first time a surplus will be willfully created by the United States Government against the wishes of the peanut growers of the United States; (3) it will mean that the policy of Congress, the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the present Administration, which is to protect agriculture against foreign importation of crops, has been destroyed; (4) it will mean that the old buyer's market has been substituted for the practical and equitable rule of parity prices; (5) it will mean that the prices of peanuts in the hands of the farmers from the 1954 and 1955 crops will be materially depressed, but that the consuming public will pay the end users the same prices and receive the same sized quantities as heretofore."

Congressman Forrester spoke with wisdom and logic. We hope the members of the Tariff Commission will heed his words and reject this dangerous proposal.

Talmadge To Be Newscaster

From WAYCROSS JOURNAL-HERALD

Gov. Talmadge, according to an Associated Press story,

Overby Presents Driver Trophy Here

Sen. Howard Overby, of Gainesville, floor leader for the Griffin Administration in the Georgia Senate, presented a trophy to Atlanta's "Truck Driver of the Month" at a dinner held Jan. 19 at the Biltmore Hotel.

Sen. Overby represented Lt. Gov. Vandiver, who was unable to attend due to a death in his family.

Motor Freight Agents of Atlanta—an organization of terminal managers—said 150 of the state's top trucking owners and executives were on hand for the presentation and an address by Sen. Overby.

G. F. McBurnett of Overnite Transportation Co. received the trophy, a savings bond and other prizes as winner in the Agents' monthly contest designed to stimulate better pick-up and delivery service. McBurnett has driven a truck in Atlanta for 15 years with only one minor accident.

The General's Reply

It is told that Jefferson Davis, then president of the Confederacy, once asked General Robert E. Lee his opinion of a brother officer and the General praised him in high terms. Another officer, standing nearby, said in astonishment, "General, don't you know that man is one of your enemies and never misses a chance to malign you?"

"Yes," replied the great leader, "but the President asked me for my opinion of him—not for his opinion of me."

Quote:

"Like many Americans, I took America for granted. It was, I felt, a fine country, a fine place to be born in and to live in. But it wasn't until I had tramped the country from one end to the other with my guitar over my shoulder that I discovered how dramatic and thrilling the true history of our country really is."—Burl Ives' Tales of America (World Pub. Co.)

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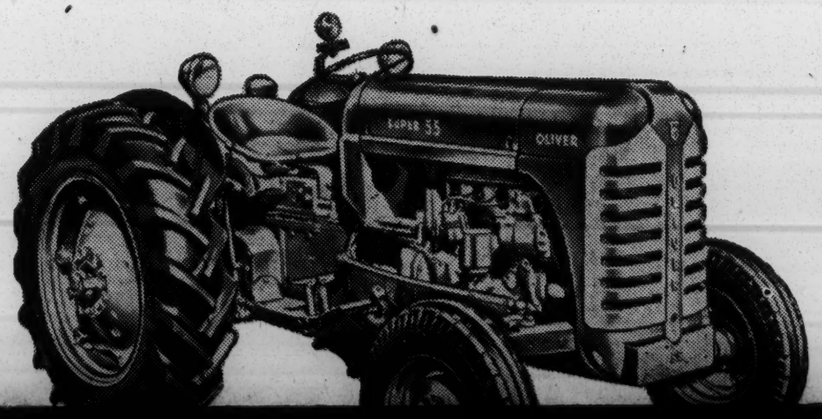

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Gov. Talmadge, according to an Associated Press story, has signed a contract to do weekly newscasts for an Atlanta television station.

Apparently he will do a commentary on national and state affairs with emphasis on politics.

As anyone who has watched the Governor in his numerous TV appearances can testify, his observations are straightforward, clear and highly illuminating.

It is unfortunate that most viewers in the Waycross area will be unable to pick up the program on their sets.

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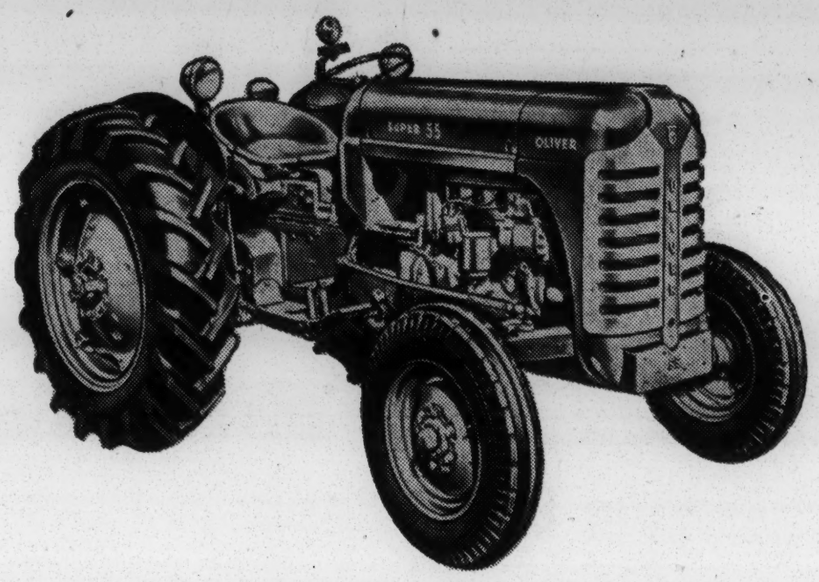

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